# 34.06.01 System University Police Department Collaboration

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## **Regulation Statement**

This regulation is designed to provide guidance to university police departments within The Texas A&M University System (system) to foster collaboration between the various departments.

# **Reason for Regulation**

This regulation provides guidance to the system university police departments on standardization and uniformity in the areas of hiring, uniforms and recruiting, and describes the collaboration process among the system university police departments. This regulation also provides guidelines for this collaboration through The Texas A&M University System Law Enforcement Administrators Council (Council).

# **Procedures and Responsibilities**

#### 1. GENERAL

The Council is established as a collaborative group representing each system university police department. Council members will work to form common goals, guidelines and procedures for system university police departments to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement efforts and promote best practices on a systemwide basis. The Council members will report to their relevant vice president on member issues and through the Council chairperson to the Executive Director of System Risk Management or designee for issues requiring review by the system.

#### 2. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The Council consists of the administrator of each system university police department, headed by a Council chairperson who is elected by the Council every two years. Recommendations of the Council are subject to the approval of the relevant vice president and, if appropriate, the chancellor and/or designee.

#### 3. PERSONNEL MINIMUM HIRING REQUIREMENTS

All system university police recruits will be required to meet minimum licensing standard requirements as required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) § 217.1.

#### 4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE

In order to facilitate emergency management, a system university police department administrator, with the approval of the relevant vice president or chief executive officer (CEO), may request one or more commissioned or noncommissioned personnel from another system university police department to assist in emergency procedures or critical investigations. The following guidelines and procedures will apply:

- 4.1 The request for assistance should be made to the Council chairperson who will contact the necessary system university police department(s) administrator(s) for assistance and make a record of such request.
- 4.2 All travel and related expenses will be paid by the system university requesting assistance, but the salary will continue to be paid by the employing system university.
- 4.3 The final authority to assign personnel to assist another system university rests with the employing system university police department administrator with the approval of the relevant vice president or CEO.

## **Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers

System Regulation 33.99.14, Criminal History Record Information – Employees and Applicants

37 Tex. Admin. Code § 217.1

# **Member Rule Requirements**

A rule is not required to supplement this regulation.

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